

2008 Alaska Migratory Bird Calendar Literature Contest Rules

The Alaska Migratory Bird Calendar Contest has broadened its conservation focus. Formerly focusing on the 4 species of Arctic nesting geese, the contest still has the same conservation goals as the former Goose Calendar Contest, but its focus has expanded to include migratory birds (not just geese) in Alaska. **Judges will be looking at: use of language, expression of theme, enjoyable to read, original concept, and biological accuracy.**

1. K-12 students residing in villages in or adjacent to the North Slope Borough and the following National Wildlife Refuges: Arctic, Yukon Delta, Togiak, Izembek, Alaska Peninsula, Becharof, Alaska Maritime, Selawik, Innoko, Koyukuk, and Nowitna may enter. If you are not sure of your eligibility e-mail Cathy_rezabeck@fws.gov
2. All entries must be submitted to the closest U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office, Attention: Calendar Contest at (Addresses of offices are on page 2 of the Entry Form)
3. All entries must be postmarked by Friday, February 9, 2007. Entries postmarked after this date will be disqualified.
4. Only one literature entry per student will be accepted in the literature contest. However, students may enter both literature and poster contests.
5. Literature entries must be **typed or handwritten neatly** in black ink on 8 ½" x 11" paper. **Illegible submissions will be disqualified.**
6. Total number of English words may not exceed 60. If written in Yup'ik, Aleut, Inupiat, Gwich'in, or Koyukon Athabascan, an English translation must be attached to the entry. (The translation is not counted in the total number of words allowed.)
7. All entries must be original. No copying will be accepted.
8. Literature entries may be either poetry or prose and **MUST PERTAIN TO THE THEME. This year's theme is "Healthy Birds, Healthy Families."**
9. The purpose and spirit of the calendar is to convey **positive** conservation messages related to migratory birds found in or adjacent to North Slope Borough and the following National Wildlife Refuges: Arctic, Yukon Delta, Togiak, Izembek, Alaska Peninsula, Becharof, Alaska Maritime, Selawik, Innoko, Koyukuk, and Nowitna. Literature focusing on "no hunting" or "no egging" messages is not appropriate and will be disqualified.
10. Teachers **must** review the student's writing so that misspelling and grammatical errors are corrected before submission (you may use spell-check and grammar-check in your computer as well). **Misspelled words will disqualify the entry.**
11. Young children, handicapped, and/or special education students may get assistance from their teachers and parents to dictate their thoughts.
12. **Completed, legible entry forms MUST be firmly attached on the back of each entry (only page 1).** An entry form is provided and should be copied for each entry. This will ensure that every participant receives a certificate.
13. Student's name **must not** appear on the front of the entry but should be neatly printed on the back just in case the entry form is accidentally separated.